

April 15, 2018

Offertory: Dec. 17, 2017 OLM \$476, OLV \$550, COS \$913, Total \$1,939
Dec. 18, 2016 OLM \$157, OLV \$502, COS \$816, Total \$1,475



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, April 15, OLM 8:30 AM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, April 15, OLV 10:30 AM For Rose Franco, requested by Martin and Carol Bemis
Sunday, April 15, COS 12:30 PM For Elvira Candido Beccari, requested by Anna Wieser
Saturday, April 21, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, April 22, OLM 8:30 AM For Terry Kauffman and all deceased *FRIENDS* supporters, requested by Jacob Schroeder
Sunday, April 22, OLV 10:30 AM For Kathleen LaTaille, requested by Walter and Elaine Meyer
Sunday, April 22, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, at OLV, Townshend, **OPEN HOUSE**
April 19: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, OLV
April 20: Adoration, OLV, 3 PM
April 28 & 29: Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions

APRIL

National Child Abuse Prevention Month



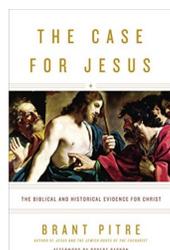
Weekly Intention: For the grace this week to keep Christ's commandments and to be perfected in his love.

Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington will pray for individuals who suffer from abuse and neglect...

The Diocese of Burlington is hosting a Night of Healing Prayer to remember those who have suffered, or are currently suffering, from abuse and neglect. We invite everyone to come to a service near you and join us in prayer. The following locations are hosting a service: Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish in Burlington (at Christ the King), and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. **Both services will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM.** *Please do not miss this special opportunity to pray for our neighbors and loved ones who need our support in their suffering.*

The Diocese of Burlington is also offering an additional opportunity to come together and pray for those who suffer from abuse and neglect. On Monday, April 23, the diocese will broadcast a Chaplet of Divine Mercy to Facebook Live beginning at 11:20am. Please be sure to tune into the live feed on the diocesan Facebook page.

The **NEW EVANGELIZATION** Summit *Inspiring Catholics*. STREAMING LIVE TO: Holy Cross Church, 416 Church Rd., Colchester, VT. The Summit features world-class Catholic speakers on the New Evangelization. Please visit www.newevangelization.ca/ for more information. **When:** Friday, April 27th 7:00PM-9:30PM and Saturday, April 28th 9:00AM-4:30PM **Cost:** \$40—Lunch will be provided. Please contact 802-448-3515 or jerry@vermontcatholic.org for further details about this Host Site



Parish Book Club Announcement: Our May book club selection is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre. Father Fred presented each parish family with this book during Lent.

BRANT PITRE is a Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the bestselling author of *Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of Exile* and *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, among others.

We live in deeply challenging times. Spring is a time of sweeping off and greening up. Let's sweep away the cobwebs of our minds about our Lord and our faith and take on Brant Pitre's groundbreaking challenge that dispels the skeptics and makes an iron-clad case—through the Gospels—for Jesus Christ. Please consider reading this transformational book. Then, join us for an hour of sharing and discussion on Wednesday, May 23rd from 7-8pm at Our Lady of the Valley. Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!

From Fr. Fred



The Eucharist is the most amazing gift that Jesus gave us. Sadly many Christians today do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. But the Fathers of the Church right from the beginning do believe it. Here is one example. It is from the Jerusalem Catechesis. This was written around 350 AD by St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a distinguished theologian of the early Church. He is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion. It is part of his instructions for people about to be baptized, and is unmistakably clear.

*“On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take, eat: this is my body.” He took the cup, gave thanks and said: “Take, drink: this is my blood.” Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, *This is my blood*, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?*

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature.

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you..* This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism.

Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant here is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul.

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith.

You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ.”

Just for Fun:

A little boy was acting up in church and his father was getting more and more perturbed. Finally the father had had enough. He got up, put the little boy over his shoulder and headed for the back of the Church. Suddenly the little boy cried out in a loud voice: “PRAY FOR ME!”



Quote of the week:

“Should it happen that you have insulted a neighbor, charity requires that you use every means to allay his or her wounded feelings. The best means for making reparation for the violation of charity is to humble yourself to the person whom you have offended.”

~St Alphonsus Ligouri

